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Fort Bragg will host Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD-2004) 17 / 18 September 2004

Thanks to all of the participating organizations and each of you for making Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD-2003) a very special and rewarding occasion. Combining services and resources in one location not only saved time and travel but also provided you the opportunity to take advantage of all the services offered. RAD-2004 is scheduled to be conducted on Friday the 17th and Saturday the 18th of September 2004. Activities will commence with a Retiree Golf Tournament Friday morning followed by a Welcome Ceremony/ Dinner Friday night at the Fort Bragg Officers' Club.

Womack Army Medical Center will serve as the central location for RAD activities on Saturday. We will begin earlier to allow more time for breakfast, medical and dental screenings, legal services, vehicle registration, and special briefings. The commissary, BX/PX and other selected Fort Bragg organizations will also participate. Details concerning RAD-2004 will be included in your next issue of this newsletter. Expect to see your next newsletter in early to mid August 2004.

****Please Mark your calendar Now****

Chief of Staff, Army, (CSA) Retiree Council

The forty-fourth meeting of the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council was held at the pentagon, 26 - 30 April 2004. The Council members reviewed and discussed 39 issues submitted by 19 installation retiree councils.

In a memorandum to the Army Chief of Staff from Co-Chairmen LTG (Ret.) John A. Dubia and SMA (Ret.) Robert E. Hall, the Council extended its gratitude to General Peter J. Schoomaker, LTG James J. Lovelace, Jr., Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, and LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck for balancing retiree concerns with the realities of the great tumult that our Army and our country are experiencing. In the memorandum the co-chairmen communicated the following: Health Care along with Communications and Education remain the primary areas of concern of the Council. Health care remains the number one issue for Army retirees, their families, and their surviving spouses. Continued improvements are needed to ensure high quality health care. Communications with and education of retirees, their family members, and their surviving spouses continue to be a challenge in providing accurate and up-to-date information by a variety of media.

In addition, the Council urged the Chief of Staff, Army, to:

Further the viability of the military health care program by continuing to support the resourcing of high quality health care.

Further efforts to take care of surviving spouses by supporting 1) elimination of the Social Security Offset to Survivor Benefit Plan benefits, 2) acceleration of the implementation date of 2008 for the paid-up provision of the Plan to 2004, 3) elimination of the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset to the benefits.

Further the concept of equity between military retirees and other federal retirees by supporting authorization and funding of concurrent receipt of military retired pay SEE (CSA) page 2

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Army Retiree Population
State of North Carolina
32,189 retirees
5,640 widows/widowers
56,743 family members

NORTH CAROLINA ARMY RETIREE COUNCIL NEWS

REGIONAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Two North Carolina Army Retiree Council (NCARC) members were honored at the 13 December 2003 meeting of the council. COL Thomas Rosell, member at large, and LTC Edwin Griffith, past Co-Chairman of the Coastal Plains Area (Region VIII) were both presented the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for their many years of faithful service by COL Al Aycock, Fort Bragg Garrison Commander. COL Rosell was also presented a Certificate from the NCARC officially appointing him as 'Member Emeritus'.

REGION III - Southern Piedmont Region - conducts quarterly meetings. Retirees and spouses/guests meet for a 'dutch' buffet and a short program at the Old Smokehouse Restaurant on Montford Drive, Charlotte, NC. These quarterly dinner/meetings, which start at 18:45 hours, normally include a guest speaker. Upcoming dinner/meetings are scheduled for: 18 May 2004, 17 August 2004 and 18 October 2004. For information and reservations contact COL (R) Cliff Deal (704) 366-9462, or, CSM(R) Rodney Deese (704) 947-1031.

REGION VII - Southern Region: Co-Chairman LTC (R) Rodney Byers is looking for a warrant officer or noncommissioned officer (NCO) to fill a Co-Chairman vacancy. Any retired Army warrant or NCO interested in this position please contact LTC (R) Byers at (910) 327-3565.

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Legal Assistance Office



Macomb and
Armistead Streets
Building 2-1133

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 - 4:30 a.m.

Thursday

7:30-11:30 a.m. &

1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Domestic Relations. Clients
must attend a briefing

Thursday either at 7:30 a.m.
or 1:00 p.m., (first come first
serve) prior to consulting an
attorney on divorce/separation.

Only one spouse may attend the
briefing. An attorney is available
to answer questions only.

Clients may consult an attorney
to discuss separation agreements
and other family-related issues on
a walk-in basis.

Friday

Attorney Appointments

Notarizations and Powers of
Attorney are available during
office hours on a walk-in basis.

Appointments may be made for
wills, advanced medical directives
trusts, name changes, correction
of military records, consumer
issues, contract reviews,
bankruptcy, banking and credit
problems, land lord/tenant issues,
insurance issues, and state and
federal taxation.

For appointments call: (910)
396-2511/6113.

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Congress authorizes Korean Defense Service Medal

Criteria for the award of and
procedures to claim entitlement
to the Korean Defense Service
Medal, (KDSM) authorized by
Congress, were announced in
March. The new medal, said a
Pentagon spokeswoman, is
America's way "of recognizing
the tremendous accomplishments
of service members who served
in Korea from July 28, 1954 to a
future undetermined date."

To qualify for the medal, service

members must have served in
support of the defense of the
Republic of Korea. The area of
eligibility encompasses all land
area of the Republic of Korea,
and the contiguous water out to
12 nautical miles and all air
spaces above the land and water
areas.

Service members must have
been assigned, attached or mo-
bilized to units operating in the
area of eligibility and have been
physically deployed in the area
of eligibility for 30 consecutive
or 60 nonconsecutive days or
meet one of the following crite-
ria:

**Have been engaged in actual
combat during an armed en-
gagement, regardless of the
time in the area of eligibility.**

**Was wounded or injured in
the line of duty and required
medical evacuation from the
area of eligibility; and partici-
pated as a regularly assigned
air crew member flying sort-
ies into, out of, within or
over the area of eligibility in
support of a military opera-
tions.** Each day that one or
more sorties were flown in ac-
cordance with these criteria
counts as one day toward the 30
or 60-day requirement.

Personnel who served in op-
erations and exercises con-
ducted in the area of eligibility
are considered eligible for the
award as long as the basic time
criteria is met.

Due to the extensive time
period for medal eligibility, the
nonconsecutive service period
for eligibility remains cumula-
tive throughout the entire
period.

The military may award the
medal posthumously. Only one
award of the medal is author-
ized for any individual.

According to DoD, more than
40,000 service members have
been on South Korean land or
adjacent waters each year since
the July 1953 cease-fire estab-
lishing the DMZ.

Retired members and veter-
ans who meet the eligibility (or
the next of kin in the case of
those now deceased) must re-
quest the award from the
National Personnel Records
Center (NPRC) in St Louis.
The address is: listed below:

NPRC

9700 Page Avenue

St. Louis MO 63132-5100

The web address is

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

Once entitlement has been
verified, NPRC will update the
KDSM to the DD form 214,
Certificate of Release or Dis-
charge from Active Duty, and
authorize issuance of a medal.
Requests should include docu-
ments clearly proving service
and dates in Korea, such as
TDY/PCS orders, performance
reports, letter of evaluations,
flight records, decoration cita-
tion, record review RIP, medi-
cal documents, or DD form 214
(discharge form).

Final approval of individual
application may take quite a
while because of the expected
large number of individuals
applying for the medal. The
KDSM should also be available
for purchase at Army and Air
Force Exchange Service Cloth-
ing Sales facilities in three to
six months.

Questions should be addressed
to, and only to, the NPRC Cu-
stomer Service Center at (314)
801-0800.

SBP Annuitants

If you are a Survivor Benefit
Plan (SBP) annuitant, COE
must be completed Annually.
you can expect to receive a
Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
each year. The COE, deter-
mines if you are going to con-
tinue receiving an SBP check
each month.

The COE is automatically
generated and sent to annu-
tants approximately 90 days
prior to their birthday each year.

It is very important that it be
completed by the annuitant and
returned by mail or fax before
the annuitant's birthday to avoid
any interruption in pay.

An annuitant should include
his or her name and Social Se-
curity Number, the name and
Social Security Number of his
or her deceased sponsor and the
signature date.

If a legal representative such
as a power of attorney has been
added to an annuitant's account,
that individual should complete
and sign the form, marking the
legal representative Portion as
requested.

DFAS Officials explain that
upon return of the COE, the De-
fense Finance and Accounting
Service processes the document
according to the information
provided and will either con-
tinue, and or terminate the an-
nuitant's pay as appropriate.

A marriage certificate is re-
quired when the "I married in
the past year..." box is marked
to update the annuitant's ac-
count properly.

Forms may be mailed to
DFAS, US Military Annuitant
Pay, PO Box 7131, London, KY
40742-7131 or may be faxed to
1-800-982-8459.

Survivor Benefit Plan Reminder

*The SBP "Paid Up" provision
which allows retirees to stop
paying premiums after 30 years
of premium payment and
reaching age 70 does not go
into effect until Oct. 1, 2008.*

*A retiree has one year to add
a newly acquired spouse if not
married on the date of retire-
ment.*



Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) Support

Fort Bragg appoints a CAO to provide casualty assistance to the primary next-of-kin (NOK) of all Army retirees who are residents of North Carolina. If requested by the NOK, Fort Bragg will provide burial honors for Army retirees who pass away while a North Carolina resident. The request for casualty assistance must be made through the funeral director. However, it is also the responsibility of the NOK to notify the Fort Bragg Casualty Section.

The CAO is not allowed to provide uniform items or decorations for a burial. If a retiree wishes to be buried in uniform, he or she should ensure that a uniform of proper size and all decorations are available to the NOK. Retirees who present proof of retirement (ID card and DD Form 214) may make uniform purchases at the Installation Clothing Sales Store. If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the Chief, Casualty Section at (910) 396-9901 or the Chief, Personal Affairs Branch at (910) 396-4102. Specific questions concerning SBP and other benefits should be directed to the Installation Retirement Service Officer (IRSO), Mr. John Bell at (910) 396-8591 or 1-800-535-6067 or E-mail: bellj1@bragg.army.mil

Military ID Card Facilities

FORT BRAGG ID CARD FACILITY: The I.D. Card Facility (IDCF) is located in the Soldier Support Center on Normandy Drive. The hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. The IDCF is open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The telephone numbers for information and/or assistance are 910-396-9339. The e-mail address is warrend@bragg.army.mil. If you live outside the immediate area of Fort Bragg, always call before making a trip to the IDCF to ensure there has not been a temporary change in operating hours because of a legal holiday, a training holiday or a training event. Also, bring all applicable documents such as retirement orders, marriage certificate, birth certificate, etc., in case of computer failure. Information on other RAPIDS sites (ID Card service) in North Carolina (Camp Lejeune, Seymour Johnson AFB, Cherry Point MCAS) may be located on the web (RAPIDS Site Locator) at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/

Charlotte, NC: The 108th Division ID Card Facility at the Army Reserve Center, 1330 Westover Street, Charlotte, NC 28205 will issue ID cards to eligible retirees and their family members. The facility is open Monday through Friday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Recommend you call prior to 1:00 p.m. the day you plan to go to ensure you have proper documentation. The telephone number is 704-342-5108.

Raleigh, NC: The ID Card Facility in Raleigh is located in the NC Army National Guard Hq on 4105 Reedy Creek Road. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. For appointments call 919-664-6250 or FAX 919-664-6312.

Winston-Salem, NC: The ID Card Facility in Winston-Salem is located in the National Guard Armory. The address is Hqs, 105th Engineer Group, ATTN: ID Card Center, 2000 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27103. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The telephone number is 336-761-5512.

Asheville, NC: The ID Card Facility in Asheville is located in the Navy Reserve Center at 721 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804. ID Card issuance and renewal service is available on a walk-in basis on Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Recommend you call to ensure you have proper documentation. The telephone number is 828-271-4297.

Installation Retirement Services Office

Your Installation Retirement Services Office (IRSO) is located in the Soldier Support Center (Lower Level), Bldg. 4-2423, on Normandy Drive. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Telephone numbers are (910) 396-8591/5304. A FAX (910) 396-3747, is available for official business only should you need to send information to the IRSO or Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). Access to a DSN line is also available in the IRSO. Our toll Free Telephone Number is: 1-800-535-6067. You are invited to visit our office, get acquainted with our staff, and obtain information on recent changes, new developments and areas of interest/benefits to military retirees. Our mailing address is: Installation Retirement Services Office, P.O. Box 70029, Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28307-0029.

Services Provided

The IRSO is responsible for providing services to both active duty soldiers assigned to Fort Bragg and to all Army retirees and their family members residing in the state of North Carolina. Services offered are provided on a walk-in, write-in, e-mail or call-in (by telephone or FAX) basis. Upon request, the IRSO provides individual counseling on retirement rights, retirement pay, benefits, and privileges. The IRSO provides assistance in the preparation and submission of applications for correction of military records. In conjunction with the servicing legal assistance office, counseling is available for active duty and retired soldiers, spouses, and former spouses on the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act. Specialized administrative and counseling services are provided to widows of both active duty and retired soldiers. We offer assistance to future retirees in the form of pre-retirement briefings and individual counseling on specific areas of concern. The IRSO administers the Survivor Benefit Plan.

NORTH CAROLINA ARMY RETIREE COUNCIL
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TEL: 1-800-535-6067 FAX: 910-396-3747

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REGIONAL COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

REGION I: MAJ Howard Keyes Jr., (Tel: 828-258-2137) and CSM Jean M. Roland (Tel: 828-274-4233) are the co-chairmen in the Western Region in Asheville and includes sixteen-16 - counties: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Henderson, Jackson, Haywood, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey.

REGION II: COL Donald A. Doll Jr., (Tel: 828-297-6424) and MSG John M. Moser, (Tel: 336-877-1705) are the co-chairmen in the Catawba and NW Region in Statesville and includes 11 counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Iredell, Rowan, Watauga, and Wilkes.

REGION III: COL Clifford M. Deal, (Tel: 704-366-9462) and CSM Rodney C. Deese, (Tel: 704-947-1030) are the co-chairmen in the Southern Piedmont Region in Charlotte and includes eight 8 counties: Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanley, and Union.

REGION IV: COL George F. Heberer, (Tel: 336-292-6351) and SFC Richard A. Clemmons, (Tel: 336-766-1223) are the co-chairmen in the Triad Region in Greensboro and includes ten 10 counties: Alamance, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin.

REGION V: COL Donald J. Goulet, (Tel: 910-295-5745) and SSG Frances J. Crawford (Tel: 910-860-2726) are the co-chairpersons in the Cape Fear Region in Pinehurst and includes eleven 11 counties: Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland.

REGION VI: COL William F. Rawley, Sr. (Tel: 919-847-1366) and SFC William E. Schone (Tel: 919-845-8864) are the co-chairmen of the Triangle Region in Raleigh and includes eleven 11 counties: Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, and Warren.

REGION VII: LTC Rodney C. Byers, (Tel: 910-327-3565) is the co-chairman in the Southeastern Coastal Region in Wilmington and includes six 6 counties: Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender.

REGION VIII: LTC Thomas E. Parsons, (Tel: 252-355-2815) and MSG Joe L. Wooten, (Tel: 252-752-0374) are the co-chairmen in the Coastal Plains Region in Greenville and includes twenty-seven 27 counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carrituck, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Green, Halifax, Hertford, Hydes, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northhampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson.